



April 23, 2014

The Honorable Jim Bridenstine
216 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bridenstine:

On behalf of the American Energy Alliance, I would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 4286, the American Energy Renaissance Act. Along with its companion Senate bill, S. 2170, introduced by Senator Ted Cruz, your bill distinguishes itself by recognizing a simple truth: the energy problems in the United States over the past 40 years have largely been of the federal government's own making. The best way to ensure strong economic growth, enhance national security and build a strong America is to reduce the scope and control of decades of failed Washington, D.C.-based energy prescriptions. If enacted, your legislation would remove many of the barriers currently prohibiting us from producing more energy at home and ensuring Americans pay less for it.

For decades, Americans have been told that we are running out of energy—that political intervention was justified to make the proper decisions about how we could produce and use energy. Instead of producing more energy that the country needed, government policies made energy supplies inaccessible while adding more regulations, more taxes and more control over citizens' lives.

And now, at a time when widespread, booming energy production has proven the energy scarcity story wrong—except where the federal government is involved—Washington is using powers granted to them under false pretenses to create even more havoc for consumers and job producers well into the future. Your bill stands athwart this destructive course and hollers “stop.”

It is time Washington stopped prohibiting the development of our nation's resources, and allowed access to the enormous supplies of energy that are known to exist on federal lands on and offshore. Your bill does that.

It is time Washington stopped micromanaging the free flow of energy between producers and consumers—time that it stopped pretending to be chemists who prefer to dictate the recipes of the fuels Americans can use as they go about their daily lives. Your bill does that.

It is time Washington got out of the way of cross border energy infrastructure that would add investment and strength to our economy by providing energy and more jobs to Americans. Your bill does that.

It is time Washington stopped regulating valuable forms of energy out of existence in order to make electricity prices skyrocket as a national goal. Your bill does that.

It is time Washington took its proper place behind the states in decisions relating to energy development within their borders affecting their people. Your bill does that.

In fact, your bill does what so many energy proposals in Washington so often fail to do: It recognizes that the real strength of America lies in the energy of its free people, using free markets, to solve problems and make life better for their fellow Americans—and, indeed, the world.

Your legislative effort should be commended not only for its impact on energy, but for the message it sends to a Washington that has grown to believe that only it possesses the wisdom and the expertise to provide the answers to the myriad problems confronting the American people.

The “Washington-knows-best” model has failed, proving itself to be grossly wrong and damaging to our nation. Your bill reverses that by freeing Americans to do the hard but rewarding work of supplying our nation with the energy it has in abundance. Your bill gives us energy we can use far into the future to solve problems, generate new wealth, and make our nation stronger and better and more secure.

Thank you, again, for your recognition that a new approach to America’s energy challenges is necessary to restore America’s greatness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Pyle". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "T" and a cursive "Pyle".

Thomas Pyle